

**Quartz Valley Indian Reservation
Business Council Meeting
Remote Locations-Self Quarantine
Monday, April 6, 2020**

Members present by zoom-remote locations

Kayla Super, Tribal Chairwoman
Sherrie Williams, Tribal Vice Chairperson
Lisa Carle, Tribal Secretary
Isaiah Williams, Tribal Treasurer
Fred Case, Board Member #1
Virginia Croy, Board Member #2
Victor McCloud, Member at Large
Alondra Whittaker, Member at Large
Charlene Henry, Member at Large

Guest(s)

Mike Slizewski, Tribal Administrator
Josh Stanshaw, Grants Contract Compliance Officer
Ernest Vargas- Consultant- telephone call

Quorum was established.

I. Called meeting order at 5:21 p.m. by Kayla Super.

II. Approval of Agenda

- Request to adjust agenda to have our consultant placed before the reading of the minutes. The GCCO will report after the consultant.

Alondra Whittaker makes a motion to approve the agenda with the additions.

Victor McCloud seconds the motion.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against, 3 abstentions.

Consultant Ernest Vargas- called in to give brief updates on funding opportunities.

- Topic: Tribal Nations Fund:

- o Release another \$245,000 for emergency protective measures. Create solutions to help high risk communities. Design and implement a program. Eligible activities: Salaries non-gaming tribal government operations and commercial enterprises, Sanitation supplies, basic life

necessities, adequate housing, food, water, medication, medical care, utilities, grocery and meal services, etc.

- A new announcement with guidelines for reallocation of the already awarded Tribal Nations Fund \$400,000, to pay for COVID-19 related expenditure and established an Emergency Fund. It will need to be tracked, no income levels or requirements. Emergency Grant funds cannot be used for per capita payments.
- Apply on-line for non-competitive equal distribution. This unique opportunity to service members and employees.
- Application is Due April 30, 2020.
- It will need to be tracked. Required to submit 2-reports

- **Topic: Payroll Protection Program-Loan**

- Receive 2-times the salary
- Low interest loans, it's a benefit.
- Loans to be forgiven-no cost to tribe.
- Paying and keeping the staff during this crisis
- Tribal Administrator and GCCO will be working on it.
- Investigate the small business loan.

- **Topic: Department of the Treasury and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)** are working on the CARES Act- Paycheck Protection Program- Employee Retention Credit

- Discussion on how to distribute the monies. They are unsure of what formula for the funding distribution. Concerns: The larger tribes vs CA gaming tribe's vs smaller tribes.

- **Topic: FEMA**

- **Topic: CA Office of Emergency Services**

- The deadlines are running quickly
- Placing the priorities on the funding

Joshua Stanshaw -Grants Compliance Contract Officer.
Gives an update

- **Topic: Department of the Treasury-BIA**

- submitted a letter for CARES ACT and CARES ACT II
- BIA formulation
- Indian Country funding, which includes Clinic, Tribal, I.H.S.
- CDC Grants- CRIHB is applying.

- Non-clinic-based funding is gear towards Social Services programs.
- They have 30 days to get the monies to the Tribes.
- Suggestion: Create objectives for assisting out of area members because of the high cost of rent, in the market.
- General Welfare set up as Social Services structure.
- Our county is receiving tribal monies. There has been no communication.

III. Reading and approval of minutes for February 24, 2020.

Corrections None

Fred Case makes a motion to approve the minutes.

Alondra Whittaker seconds the motion.

Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 2 abstention.

Sherrie Williams- vote for
Virginia Croy- vote for
Victor McCloud-vote for
Isaiah Williams-vote abstain
Charlene Henry-vote for

Fred Case- vote for
Alondra Whittaker- vote for
Lisa Carle-vote for
Kayla Super-vote abstain

Reading and approval of minutes for March 9, 2020.

Corrections: Need to obtain copy of minutes and correct some portions.

Sherrie Williams makes a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections.

Virginia Croy seconds the motion.

Vote: 6 for, 0 against, 3 abstentions.

Sherrie Williams- vote for
Virginia Croy- vote for
Victor McCloud-vote for
Isaiah Williams-vote abstain
Charlene Henry-vote for

Fred Case- vote for
Alondra Whittaker- vote for
Lisa Carle-vote abstain
Kayla Super-vote abstain

IV. Enrollment-None

V. Resolutions

a. Resolution 2020-04 Approval to apply for Bureau of Indian Affairs-FY2021 for Wildland Urban Interface Project (WUIP).

Isaiah Williams makes the motion to approve Resolution 2020-04.

Victor McCloud seconds the motion.
Vote: 6 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions.

Sherrie Williams- vote for
Virginia Croy- vote against
Victor McCloud-vote for
Isaiah Williams-vote for
Charlene Henry-vote for

Fred Case- vote for
Alondra Whittaker- vote for
Lisa Carle-vote abstain
Kayla Super-vote abstain

Discussion and the current action item: EPA outreach/Program Manager to administer and reporting of WUIP. Fire Administrator to oversee the field work of WUIP program. The WUIP program fits under the Fire programs.

Action item: Upon receiving the BIA-WUIP funds for FY-2021 the program will come under the Firehall Administrator with the assistance of both the Environmental Director and EPA Outreach Program Manager with the transition of the program.

Fred Case makes a motion to approve the action item upon receiving the BIA-WUIP FY-2020 funds.
Victor McCloud seconds the motion.
Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

Sherrie Williams- vote for
Virginia Croy- vote for
Victor McCloud-vote for
Isaiah Williams-vote for
Charlene Henry-vote for

Fred Case- vote for
Alondra Whittaker- vote abstain
Lisa Carle-vote for
Kayla Super-vote abstain

- b. Resolution 2020-05 Approval to apply for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for up to \$500,000 through the Office Tribal Affairs and Policy's "Emergency Grants to Address Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders during COVID-19" Program.**

Sherrie Williams makes the motion to approve Resolution 2020-05.
Victor McCloud seconds the motion.
Vote: 8 for, 0 against, 1 abstention.

Sherrie Williams- vote for

Fred Case- vote for

Virginia Croy- vote for
Victor McCloud-vote for
Isaiah Williams-vote for
Charlene Henry-vote for

Alondra Whittaker- vote for
Lisa Carle-vote for
Kayla Super-vote abstain

Discussion: Narrative and objectives on these grants. May use the narrative from the TOR grant. The main purpose for crisis prevention, recovery support, and address serious mental illnesses. No cost sharing, no match.

c. Resolution 2020-06 Approval to apply to the Tribal Nation Grant Fund for a \$245,000. COVID-19 Emergency Grant.

Isaiah Williams makes the motion to approve Resolution 2020-06.
Victor McCloud seconds the motion.

Vote: 8 for, 0 against, 1 abstention.

Sherrie Williams- vote for
Virginia Croy- vote for
Victor McCloud-vote for
Isaiah Williams-vote for
Charlene Henry-vote for

Fred Case- vote for
Alondra Whittaker- vote for
Lisa Carle-vote for
Kayla Super-vote abstain

Discussion: A response to the COVID-19 crisis. Many ideas to support the needs of the members. The guidelines states that no direct payment to the members.

- Many different ideas have been suggested and thrown around.
- Create guidelines and a form for this program. It should be its own separate form.

TANF and other local services:

- Encourage our local members to try and use these available programs. Our outside communities' members are needing services too.

VI. Reports

a. Tribal Administrator

- **Topic:** Minutes
 - a request for the Business and General Council minutes to be posted to QVIR website.
- **Topic:** Live stream of meetings

- Great idea.
- There are no policies or protocol.
- Do we mute the people, not part of Business Council? Listen only?
- Security or privacy,
- verify tribal members.
- Zoom accounts are paid by certain amounts of attendees.
- Need a host.
- **Topic:** BIA Annual Funding Agreement-3-year program was approved.
- **Topic:** Update of well: It will start at the end of April.
- **Topic:** EFM will not approve of any cameras on their property.
- b. Chairwoman**
- **Update:** Conference calls for funding, update of COVID-19.
 - She has reported that she has participated in numerous conference calls, all week and at all different times from all levels of the government: Federal, State, local, county, tribally NIHB and CRIHB.
 - Our TA and GCCO has been in numerous conference calls with other funding opportunities.
- **Topic:** Update of Census
 - Incentive such as gift cards
 - Incentive for members completing their census. Just need a copy of the verification.
- **Topic:** New procedures for Clinic walk in.
- **Update:** Siskiyou County has 4- positive cases.
- **Topic:** Social distancing
 - Our vulnerable and high risk
 - Elders
 - Compromised systems
- **Topic:** Cancellation of April General Community Council meeting
 - Federal and State Self quarantine still in effect.
 - No gathering of many people.
 - Placing our members into a high-risk position.
 - **Suggestion:** To meet in the Gym and give each member a mask or use screens.

- There are not enough safety masks, gloves. It will be taking away from the already low supplies of these items.
- **The announcement of the open positions will need to be sent out to the membership.**

The office will be close until April 30, 2020.

A request to check your emails daily. This will be counted for 2-hours of work. Document this time on your time sheet.

The Business Council continuation meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjournment at 8:22 p.m.

Victor McCloud makes a motion to adjourn.

Alondra Whittaker seconds the motion.

Vote: 7 for, 0 against, 2 abstentions.

Sherrie Williams- vote for

Virginia Croy- vote for

Victor McCloud-vote for

Isaiah Williams-vote abstain

Charlene Henry-vote for

Fred Case- vote for

Alondra Whittaker- vote for

Lisa Carle-vote for

Kayla Super-vote abstain

CERTIFICATION

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Quartz Valley Indian Reservation presiding Executive Official is hereby authorized to sign and the Tribal Secretary to attest this document to give it full force and effect. The foregoing is adopted by a vote of 7 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention(s) and _____ No vote at this duly called meeting of Quartz Valley Indian Reservation at which a quorum was present on the 20 Day of April, 2020.

Kayla Super
Kayla Super, Tribal Chairwoman or
Tribal Official

4/20/2020
Date

Lisa Carle
Lisa Carle, Tribal Secretary
Or Tribal Official

4/20/2020
Date